

## **POTPOURRI NOTICE**

### **Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Assessment Environmental Planning Division**

#### **Advanced Notice of Collection of Data for Regional Haze Program (Log #0204Pot1)**

Pursuant to the Clean Air Act of 1990, states must evaluate certain older, large emission units and determine whether these units require the installation of the best emission controls available as part of strategies for meeting the goals of the regional haze program. This requirement, known as the Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) requirement, applies to emission units (individually or in combination with other such units) built roughly between 1962 and 1977 that have the potential to emit 250 tons per year or more of any visibility-impairing pollutant and must fall into one of 26 source categories. The applicable pollutants are ammonia, nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The applicable source categories and other BART guidelines are identified in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) proposed BART rule\*.

LDEQ and the Central Regional Air Planning Association (CENRAP) are working in cooperation to identify BART-eligible sources in Louisiana. CENRAP requests that each member state and tribe provide a list of all stationary sources with emission units identified under the BART guidelines. From this complete list of potential BART sources, the LDEQ will begin the process of identifying specific "BART-eligible" sources pursuant to Section 169A of the Clean Air Act and the EPA's proposed BART rule\*. As a part of this effort, the LDEQ will begin a comprehensive query of the Emissions Inventory System (EIS) database to provide preliminary identification of emissions units that are potential BART sources. This effort is the first step in a process that may take several months to complete. The first step will generate a large list of sources from which the BART-eligible sources will ultimately be extracted. LDEQ will eventually conduct a survey of the potential sources. LDEQ suggests that facilities individually begin preliminary research of their sources for possible BART eligibility.

\* *"Proposed Guidelines for Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) Determinations Under the Regional Haze Regulations; Proposed Rule,"* 66 FR 38108 – 38135, July 20, 2001, No. 140 [available at [http://www.epa.gov/ttncaaa1/t1/fr\\_notices/bart6-21.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/ttncaaa1/t1/fr_notices/bart6-21.pdf)]

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